

JEW'S WILL AMERICANIZE NEW RUSSIA AND REPAY U. S. FOR GOOD TREATMENT HERE

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Now that the gates of freedom have opened in Russia, the Jews whom czarism drove into exile will return to their native land to spread the freedom they learned in the United States.

For the Jew is the original republican, and republicanism of the United States is the nearest approach to the ideals of the prophets of Israel ever incorporated in a state.

The reign of terror in Russia began upon the enactment of the May laws (1882), which placed 5,000,000 Russian Jews under untold hardships and restrictions.

A Pole could travel throughout the empire; a Finn could do business; a Ukrainian secure education. But Russian law barred Jewish children from public schools and sick Jews from hospitals; denied Jewish youth admittance to professions; forbade Jewish families to live outside the pest-breeding ghettos or travel from town to town.

Organized massacres shed the blood of old men, defenseless women and little children.

When the chief of the holy synod was asked what he hoped to effect by this blood curdling policy, he said: "One-third of the Jews will be converted, one-third will be driven into exile and one-third will be sacrificed. In that way the Jewish question in Russia will be solved."

Just so did the sultan seek to solve the Armenian question.

The third who were driven into exile became apostles of Russian freedom. The tales of horror they spread abroad prepared the world for revolution in Russia.

In the United States the Jew from Russia found a land of promise, free

schools for his children, industrial and professional openings for his grown sons and daughters, a home wherever he chose to live.

Now the Jew is able and anxious to repay America. By tens of thousands he is going back to Russia to show the biggest country on earth how Russia needs the United States.

Russia, covering one-sixth of the earth's surface and populated by 185,000,000 people, awaits development. The mines of Golcon were not so rich as the unworked Urals. The vast agricultural territory demands farming machinery. The empire, three times as large as the United States, has only 54,000 miles of railroad.

There is incalculable work to be done, armies of still leaderless laborers waiting to do it, and enormous deposits on which to draw. For vodkaless Russia is steadily growing rich. In the 12 years, 1905-1917, bank deposits increased eight billion rubles (\$4,000,000,000).

Here lies the first opportunity of the Russo-American Jew. They came to America exiled apostles of Russian freedom. They will repay America for her shelter by returning to spread American ideals, customs and trade throughout new Russia.

Already it is said new Russia's fate hangs on the efficient management of the Trans-Siberian railroad, and Paul Mihukoff, "the American," will probably ask Americans to take over its control and reorganization.

Such a policy foreshadows two groups of self-governing United States stretching from Sandy Hook to Warsaw—nearly two-thirds of the distance around the world. It calls for a small army of English-speaking Russians trained to American ways of thinking and working. It would be an opportunity for spreading American standards and trade by the unforgetting Jew.